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1. When VVB Carl Zeiss, Jena, accepted a Russian order to produce and deliver 135 A-1-P aerial training devices and 30 complete sets of spare parts in 1953, it was pointed out by the works that the scheduled delivery of the first quota in the summer of 1953 could only be made if certain materials and pieces of equipment needed for the construction were made available on time.¹ The Direction of the works expected these materials and equipment almost immediately after the beginning of 1953. By mid-March 1953 the needed items had not been received. As a result, production of A-1-P devices has not yet started, with the exception of the construction of minor machine parts.
2. At the end of February 1953 the P Prod HL Department (Main Production Department for Devices) of the Zeiss works sent a letter to the Ministry for Machine Construction² stating that the works could not make the promised first delivery of A-1-P devices in the summer of 1953 because the authorities failed to provide the necessary materials and equipment. The letter added that if these materials did not arrive in the near future, delivery would not only have to be deferred but could not be made in 1953.

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Comment. After the reshuffle of the Ministries in January 1953, VVB Optik was reported to be placed under the Ministry for General Machine Construction.

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